UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE CLERK



November 12, 2014

CLERK'S NOTICE 14-06

Notice Regarding Bankruptcy Fees, Rules, and Forms Changes Effective December 1, 2014

Fees

The Judicial Conference has approved the following revisions to the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee schedule which take effect December 1, 2014.

Motion to Redact a Record

For filing a Motion to Redact a Record, \$25 per affected case.

NOTE: The reopening fee **will not** be charged if redaction is the only reason for reopening the case.

• Direct Appeals

Upon notice from the court of appeals that a direct appeal or direct cross-appeal has been authorized, **an additional fee of \$207 will be collected** (previous fee \$157).

Rules

The Supreme Court approved amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure which take effect December 1, 2014. The amendments to the bankruptcy rules address the following:

- 1) Petitions involving the same debtors filed in different courts;
- 2) Time limits for serving a summons and complaint;
- 3) General pleadings and judgments and costs;
- 4) Bankruptcy appeals; and
- 5) New trials and relief from a judgment or order.

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The amended rules are located at: www.uscourts/RulesAndPolicies/rules/congressional-package-for-congress.pdf

Forms

The Judicial Conference has approved the following amendments to the Official Bankruptcy Forms which take effect December 1, 2014.

- Official Forms 3A (Application for Individuals to Pay the Filing Fee in Installments) and 3B (Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived) are revised to remove references to fee amounts.
- Official Form B6Sum (Summary) is revised to update line number cross references to the revised means test forms (Official Forms 22A-1, 22A-1 Supp, 22A-2, 22B, 22C-1 and 22C-2).
- Official Forms 17A (Notice of Appeal and Statement of Election), 17B (Optional Appellee Statement of Election to Proceed in District Court) and 17C (Certificate of Compliance with Rule 8015(a)(7)(B) or 8016(d)(2)) are new forms set to go into effect with the revised bankruptcy appellate rules.
- Official Forms 22A-1 (Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income), 22A-1 Supp (Statement of Exemption from Presumption of Abuse Under §707(b)(2)), 22A-2 (Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation), 22B (Chapter 11 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income), 22C-1 (Chapter 13 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income and Calculation of Commitment Period) and 22C-2 (Chapter 13 Calculation of Your Disposable Income) are the revised means test forms. These forms are revised to accommodate changes in the law and as part of the ongoing Forms Modernization Project.

Click on the following link to view Pending Changes in the Bankruptcy Forms: www.uscourts.gov/Forms/AndFees/Forms/BankruptcyForms/BankruptcyFormsPendingChanges.aspx

FOR THE COURT Tawana C. Marshall Clerk of Court

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